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FROM	Chief of Base, Munich <b>qmb</b>	DATE <b>22 December 1959</b>	
SUBJECT	ARIGOLO Contact with Prince Burchard von Preussen,		RE "43-S" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <b>MARKED FOR INDEXING</b>
ACTION REQUIRED	Official of Munich Reinsurance Company which has interests in ME		<b>XX</b> NO INDEXING REQUIRED INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY
REFERENCE(S)	<p>A. OFPA 49117, dated 2 December 1959          B. OFPA 49026, dated 2 November 1959          C. HQMA 45832, dated 11 November 1959          D. HQMA 45541, dated 31 October 1959          E. OFPA 48194, dated 16 October 1959</p> <p>1. During my visit to Paris on October 23-24, I discussed with [ ] circumstances under which a meeting with Prince Burchard von Preussen (subject of OFPA 28194) could be arranged to ensure the most advantageous operational climate. [ ] suggestion was that the good offices of the Consul General in Munich, Mr. Edward Page, be enlisted and that an introduction be made at some social function, inasmuch as von Preussen and the Consul General know and, apparently, like each other.</p> <p>2. While still at the Embassy in Paris, however, Prince Burchard, having happened to be in Paris on that very day, called [ ] on the phone, himself suggesting that he come up for a chat and, I believe, lunch. [ ] immediately passed the word to me and I was in [ ] office when Prince Burchard walked in shortly afterwards.</p> <p>3. A more casual introduction could not have been effected even if it were carefully planned well in advance. Mutual interest in the Middle East came up very naturally, and that led to a suggestion that we meet in Munich. Prince Burchard gave me his calling card, and a tentative engagement was made.</p> <p>4. A week or so later I called von Preussen inviting him to lunch. We agreed to meet at Humplmayer's on Friday, December 11, and a very cordial friendly meeting took place. Von Preussen said his business took him to the Middle East often, that he was going to Libya for two or three days in January, 1960, and that he has been in Iraq last Fall. He admitted Iraq is his company's main preoccupation.</p> <p>5. Substantively, the luncheon was not necessarily rewarding, but then the purpose was to get acquainted rather than to elicit information. Von Preussen dwelt on political instability in Iraq, and on the many uncertainties Iraq is facing. He did not volunteer any specific knowledge, admitting however that he was in frequent touch with visitors from the Middle East whom he was in the habit of entertaining in the interests of his company.</p>		

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6. Von Preussen showed a certain awareness of the existence of American intelligence in which by asking me, in a straight forward fashion, what my position was, and whether I was connected with CID or HIC. I answered that I was brought to Munich to assist in the interpretation of political events in the Middle East insofar as they touched upon the defense responsibilities of the LSIA/USA. I volunteered that I claimed to be my personal opinion that the legitimate military interest which developed with the Lebanon landing in the summer of 1958, pinpointed a relative paucity of information on Middle Eastern affairs in Germany. While our larger Embassies, I said, notably London, maintained a well equipped and staffed NS Section, such was not the case in Bonn. Anyway, I concluded, that my experiences in the Middle East, first as military observer in Palestine, later as Secretary in our Embassies in Baghdad and Amman, apparently prompted my assignment to Germany to be on hand with informed interpretations of political or strategic developments in the Middle East. My responsibility, I continued, was to keep myself entirely up to date, and I was, of course, eager to know people who either have interests in or come from the Middle East.

7. Von Preussen asked me whether I knew Consul General Fage, whom, he said, he saw the previous evening. As I happened to know that Fage has been away for a few weeks, I was able to say that I have not met Fage as he had been away, almost ever since my arrival, which was more or less true.

8. On parting, adequate arrangements were made to meet again. While Von Preussen is not necessarily meticulously well informed on details of interest to us, I believe through him or his contacts information of value could be obtained. He gave every indication of being a sincere and cooperative person, and would probably welcome suggestions and guidance if given subtly and unobtrusively. He is certainly worth cultivating.

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